

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
MARCH 16, 2015**

The Board of Educational Service Unit #11 of the State of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as ESU #11, held its regular monthly meeting at the Office Building in Holdrege, Nebraska on March 16, 2015 with the following Board members present: Kevin Breece, Gary Smidt, Lorenda Forbes, Susan Perry, Kim Scoville, Richard Phillips, and Karen Duncan. David Fleischmann and Linda Leising were absent.

Notification was made of the Open Meetings Law.

Public Notice that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of ESU #11 would be held on March 16, 2015 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of March 2, 2015 and broadcast over radio stations KUVR and KRVN during that same week. The Public Notice also stated that a current agenda of items to be brought before the Board was available for public inspection in the office of ESU #11 and that reasonable accommodations for individuals with special needs who want to attend the meeting would be provided on request if sufficient advance notice is given.

Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Gary Smidt to excuse the absences of board members David Fleischmann and Linda Leising. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried, 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on February 16, 2015 were approved as printed.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, presented the General Fund Financial Report for February 2015. Motion made by Kevin Breece, seconded by Kim Scoville, that the General Fund Financial Report be accepted as presented. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried, 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, that the March 2015 General Fund claims for payment be approved for payment in the amount of \$328,781.65. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried, 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

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Motion made by Kevin Breece, seconded by Gary Smidt to approve the District 2 Board Appointee, Craig Phillips. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried, 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, reviewed the minutes from the March 5, 2015 ESUCC Meeting.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Kim Scoville, that the Board of ESU #11 authorize the Administrator of ESU #11 to determine, following receipt of school requests for services and certificated employee evaluations, whether the Board should consider amending or terminating any ESU #11 certificated employee's contract of employment at the ESU #11 Board meeting on April 20, 2015 and if it is determined by the Administrator of ESU #11 that consideration of this action by the Board of ESU #11 is warranted, to send a written notice of such possible action by certified mail on or before April 20, 2015 to the employee(s) that are to be included in the Board's consideration of this action. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried, 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

The Board reviewed comments and suggestions made at the Vision/Mission Statement Meeting held earlier Monday afternoon.

Motion made by Kevin Breece, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, to accept with deep regret the resignation of Speech Language Pathologist, Jodi Nelson. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried, 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Kate Hatch, Director of Staff Development, informed the Board that she is assisting several districts with their external visitation for school accreditation. Kate is supporting Elwood with their visit on Monday, and is a member of the visitation team for Maywood the following week. In April Kate will be chairing the visit for Elba. Kate expressed that assisting in these visitations is a great learning experience for her, and as a result she is able to better assist the schools in the ESU #11 area in their school improvement visitations. Kate also talked about the graduate level class entitled "Don't Just Talk, Teach" that she is teaching on Tuesday evenings for five weeks. This class focuses on numerous strategies that can be utilized in place of worksheets that will enhance learning and student achievement. Lastly, Kate noted that ESU #11 will be offering three graduate courses in June this summer: Empowering Learning with iPads, What Do I Do With All This Data, and Number Theory & Cryptology for Secondary Teachers.

Caren Porter, Director of Special Education Services, reported to the Board on the trainings that have taken place at ESU #11. One ILCD Training has been completed in March and two more trainings will be completed before the end of the month. The Youth

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First Conference is coming up on April 20, and Lona has been busy getting this conference organized. Caren finished her report by informing the Board of the Speech Language Pathologist resignation and that she has advertised for this position.

Jody Bauer, Technology/Curriculum Consultant, reported to the board details about Digital Citizenship and how she is still actively promoting and teaching DC in schools. Jody reported how she is seeing some schools really begin to understand the concept of teaching students to be safe online. She also reported that she attended a Distance Learning Conference in Lincoln on March 5th and 6th. Jody really enjoyed the conference and really wants to promote and support quality distance learning among our school districts. She reported to the board the advantages of utilizing distance learning in the classroom and how there are so many opportunities beyond our classroom walls for professional connections. Jody would like to assist our schools in using distance learning effectively. Lastly, Jody reported to the board how she is organizing a Blended Learning Cohort with teachers from the area. She would help guide a group of teachers through exploring concrete strategies to create a blended learning environment for their students. Teachers would discover ideas and strategies for getting started with blended learning.

Wade Gibson, Technology Consultant, updated the Board on the Technology Consultant position. He also mentioned that he has been working with Craig Peterson to finish up e-rate filings during the 471 window, which was recently extended to April 15. ESU #11 is also purchasing a Big Nebraska Map, which will be available for checkout through the media center. Another Tech Talk Tuesday session will be hosted on March 17, and ESU #11 is hosting the statewide IMAT meeting on March 19.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, reported on a recent ESUCC Meeting that was hosted at ESU #11, and he was glad that COOP was not the major focus of these meetings.

Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Lorenda Forbes to enter into Executive Session at 6:38 p.m. to discuss the 2015-2016 ESU #11 Administrator Contract. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried, 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Richard Phillips to exit the Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. and return to open session. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried, 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Lorenda Forbes, seconded by Kevin Breece, to approve the first of a two year contract of employment with the same conditions for the ESU #11 Administrator with a total increase of 4.5% for the 2015-2016 contract year. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried, 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

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The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on April 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Karen Duncan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorenda Forbes, Board Secretary